

October 29, 2002

Workshop Notice
83 Illinois Administrative Part 758
Program to Foster the Elimination of the Digital Divide Rulemaking

HB 2900 added a new section to the Public Utilities Act, Section 13-301.2, Program to Foster the Elimination of the Digital Divide. In summary, Section 13-301.2 requires the Illinois Commerce Commission to implement a rule requiring each telecommunications carrier to solicit, collect, and remit voluntary contributions to assist in the funding of the Program to Foster Elimination of the Digital Divide. On July 25, 2002, the Illinois Commerce Commission adopted Part 758 in Docket No. 02-0825.

Upon the adoption of Part 758, Staff discovered that the definition of "Telecommunications Carrier" and "Customer" found in Part 758.10 does not comply with the requirement of Section 13-301.2, in that Section 13-301.2 does not limit the program to local exchange carriers. Consequently, the revisions to the definitions have caused the dates in 758.30(b) and 758.50(g) to also be revised.

A workshop has been scheduled for **Thursday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m.** to discuss the revised rule. Staff's proposed rule may be retrieved from e-docket, under Docket No. 02-0689 at the following address: <http://eweb.icc.state.il.us/e-docket/>. Staff's revised definitions will be the focus for discussion.

The workshop will be held at:

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Hearing Room C

Please feel free to distribute this notice to any entity that may have an interest in the workshop. If you have any questions about this workshop, please contact Alcinda Jackson at (217) 782-7663 or cjackson@icc.state.il.us

